



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher and the Omaha Police Department announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Angela K. Hernandez was sentenced to six years imprisonment by the Honorable Laurie Smith-Camp, United States District Judge, following her conviction for Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute 50 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine. Hernandez was ordered to serve 5 years of supervised release following her release from incarceration and pay a \$100 Special Assessment.

On April 11, 2008, Omaha Police Officers utilized a cooperating witness who purchased 5.8 grams of methamphetamine from Angela Hernandez in the area of 42nd and Harrison Street, Omaha, NE. On April 22, 2008, the cooperating witness ordered a half ounce of methamphetamine from Hernandez who took the cooperator's money but never delivered the methamphetamine.

On May 12, 2008, the investigating officers learned that Hernandez was incarcerated at Douglas County Corrections on unrelated charges. During a Mirandized statement, Hernandez admitted to distributing methamphetamine to support her habit. She said everyday she would obtain a 1/4 or a 1/2 ounce of meth from her supplier, take her user amount and sell the rest. Hernandez said she had been doing this for the last year.

Name of Defendant: Angela K. Hernandez

AKA:

AGE: 31

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine; 5-40 years imprisonment, \$2,000,000 fine, 5 years supervised release, and \$100 Special Assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Omaha, Ne.

Location of Arrest: Omaha, Ne.

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: Approximately 400 grams of methamphetamine.

Others Charged in Same Scheme: N/A

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: May 1, 2007, and continuing through May 8, 2008,

Federal Arrest Date: May 29, 2008

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: May 22, 2008

Initial Appearance Date: May 29, 2008

Plea Date(s): November 7, 2008

Sentencing Date: January 26, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Thomas D. Thalken

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: On pre-trial release since initial arrest

In Continuous Custody Since: N/A

Assigned District Court Judge: Laurie Smith Camp

Initials of Assigned AUSA/Preparer of THIS Release: TJK